

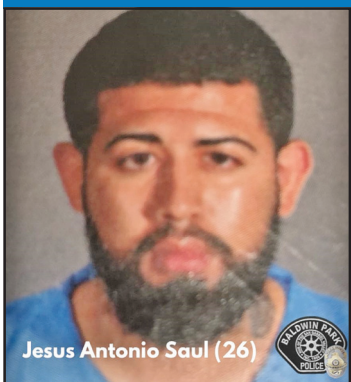


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# Bonita Unified Staff Receive COVID-19 Vaccine Ahead of Return to In-Person Learning

**LA VERNE/SAN DIMAS** – Bonita Unified School District will welcome elementary school students back to campus for in-person instruction on April 5, following the continued decrease of COVID-19 case numbers and rising vaccination rates among District staff.

Elementary students will be taught in a hybrid model, designed to meet state and county health and safety protocols. The District also set an April 12 target date to reopen its middle and high schools – grades six to 12 – using a similar hybrid model. Bonita Unified students will also have the option to remain in distance learning for the remainder of the year.

“We are very excited to reopen our campuses for in-person instruction,” Bonita Unified Superintendent Carl J. Coles said. “Thank you to our teachers, staff, administrators, students and community for their resiliency, patience and partnership throughout the path to reopening. This effort is possible thanks to our community’s commitment to rising above the challenges of

the COVID-19 pandemic.” Ahead of the April reopening, the District has continued to bolster COVID-19 safety protocols and provide its community with resources to support their health and well-being.

The District also provided staff access to the COVID-19 vaccine through a series of clinics, held at Lone Hill Middle School, in partnership with Mercy Pharmacy Group.

Most staff received their first dose of the vaccine during the clinic, which concluded March 5; the second dose will be administered during a follow-up clinic in the coming weeks. The partnership helped simplify the documentation process and streamline access for BUSD employees, encouraging strong turnout and high vaccination rates.

Following the success of the first clinic and the partnership with Mercy Pharmacy Group, Bonita Unified is exploring opportunities to serve as a resource for local districts and support their vaccination efforts.

More information about the District’s phased reopening,



Bonita Unified employee receives the first does of the COVID-19 vaccine during a series of clinics, held at Lone Hill Middle School from March 3-5.

COVID-19 safety protocols and staff vaccinations is available on the Bonita Unified website.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with

Mercy Pharmacy Group on staff vaccination and help ensure a safe return to school,” BUSD Board of Education President Chuck Coyne said. “The health and safety of our

school community is our top priority, and with the success of our vaccine clinic, we are even better prepared to reopen our campuses.”

# Chief Presents Officer With The Honorary Life Saving Medal

**COVINA** - Covina Police Chief Povero presented Officer Reed with the Honorary Life Saving Medal on Wednesday, March 3. Officer Reed, along with Officer Hickey, Officer Medina and Officer Barraco, received a call for service on a suicide by hanging in a garage. Upon arrival, officers found the victim hanging from a make-shift noose. While officers held the victim’s weight, Officer Reed successfully removed him from the noose and placed him in a recovery position where lifesaving efforts were performed.

The Covina Police Department commend Officer Reed, Officer Hickey, Officer Medina and Officer Barraco for their



Covina Police Chief Povero presents Officer Reed with the Honorary Life Saving Medal

quick thinking, teamwork, and professionalism throughout their careful response, and immediate life-saving efforts.

Photo courtesy of the Covina Police Dept.

# High-Tech Smart Fitness Studio "The Exercise Coach" Opens in Glendora



Exercise Coach Owners Jennifer and Adam Smith with Adrian Pizarro, all Certified Exercise Coaches.

**GLENDORA** - A new high-tech "smart fitness studio" had their Grand Opening in Glendora on March 3, 2021. A unique concept that relies on computers and robotics instead of dumbbells, treadmills, etc. The machines actually adjust a person's workout to his/her strengths and weaknesses in real time, thereby helping the person get the most out of their workout and avoid injury. Duarte, CA residents Jennifer and Adam Smith opened their first Exercise Coach studio at 1395 S Grand Ave Suite 130 in Glendora (1/4-mile South of the 210 freeway) and will be serving clients in Glendora, San Dimas and Covina. In the next two years, the couple plans to open locations in Monrovia and in Claremont. This and a location with different ownership in San Diego, which opens on the same day, are the first such artificial intelligence and robotics enabled "Smart Fitness Studios" in the entire state of California!

Outfitted with high-tech computerized machines instead of traditional equipment, The Exercise Coach's personalized programs

are optimized for efficiency, resulting in only two 20-minute workouts per week that can't be matched in effectiveness with even seven days a week of traditional activity-based exercise. The Exercise Coach's robotic exercise technology is combined with the guidance of certified coaches to provide a unique, comprehensive approach to fitness designed to be a perfect fit for anyone, regardless of current fitness levels. The studios create a dynamic exercise experience that blends personalized strength and interval cardio training in each session.

Adam Smith, age 46, was a game warden for state of California and Jennifer Smith, age 44, was a site leader in the aerospace industry. Both plan to devote their energy to The Exercise Coach full-time. "We have long been fitness and sports enthusiasts and we felt that fitness could make such a difference in the quality of life for our customers, when Covid-19 came along Adam and I made a life decision to change careers so we could di-

rectly help people," Jennifer Smith said. "The Exercise Coach studio is clean and professional; it is not the typical gym environment we felt this was a great way to bring fitness to customers from all backgrounds."

Adam added, "We also liked the proprietary Exerbotics equipment/technology resulting in an efficient and effective workout that is less likely to result in injury. As we age, both of us have had some injuries, but resistance training has allowed us to recover and we are able to keep up with our 8-year-old, traveling, and enjoying life pain-free."

Founded in 2000, The Exercise Coach began franchising in 2011 and currently has more than 100 studios operating nationwide. In addition, The Exercise Coach began its international expansion in Japan in 2017 and has 32 locations there today. Our goal is to see 250 units open in the U.S. and 100 open in Japan by the end of 2022.

The Exercise Coach can be contacted at 626-788-1015 for appointments.

# Empty Bowls.... Fighting Hunger One Bowl At a Time

**GLENDORA** - The 18th annual Empty Bowls Benefit will take place on March 12, 2020, 5 - 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 300 N. Glendora Ave. This year the event will be a drive-thru, with vehicles entering off of Glendora Ave. For the \$20 ticket price, individuals will receive a beautiful handmade ceramic bowl, a coupon to be redeemed at a local restaurant for a bowl of soup, and the satisfaction that they are helping to fight hunger one bowl at a time. The Citrus College Ceramics department, under the leadership of Mike Hillman, the Tri Community Adult Education's "Pioneer Potters, and several local ceramic artists have donated bowls to the event. Several service groups will come together, including Citrus College students, Glendora police Auxiliary, and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints youth, to support the First Christian Church Empty Bowls project. Proceeds will benefit food assistance programs administered by Shepherd's Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Glendora Police Department. For more info and a complete listing of our event donors, go to [www.firstchristianglendora.org/empty-bowls/](http://www.firstchristianglendora.org/empty-bowls/)

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## Empty Bowls

**DRIVE-THRU EVENT**  
"A fundraiser to fight hunger and feed hope."

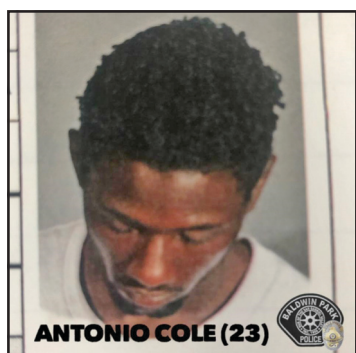
**FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**

**300 N. GLENDORA AVE, GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA**

**\$20 INCLUDES HANDMADE BOWL AND SOUP COUPON**

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## Catalytic Converter Suspected Thieves Arrested By Baldwin Park Police



ANTONIO COLE (23)



FABIAN RINCON (36)



Keyanna Zaremba (30)

**BALDWIN PARK** - Night watch officers were alerted on Tuesday, March 2, by a watchful citizen, to the 13600 block of Los Angeles Street regarding a possible theft in progress. Arriving, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle as it left the indicated area. The vehicle was occupied by a female (Driver) and two males. During their investigation, officers discovered the three individuals were responsible for the theft of 3 catalytic converters. The stolen catalytic converters were found concealed inside the vehicle's engine compartment.

The suspects, Antonio Cole (23 yrs old) from Los Angeles, Fabian Rincon (36 yrs old) from Los Angeles, and Keyanna Zaremba (30 yrs old) from Los Angeles were all arrested and booked on grand theft and conspiracy charges. The Baldwin Park Police continue to extend



The stolen catalytic converters were found concealed inside the vehicle's engine compartment.

their gratitude to community members for their watchful eye and for partnering with their Baldwin Park Police Department to stop and/or deter these crimes trends.

Photos courtesy of the Baldwin Park Police Dept.

## On-Duty LAPD Police Vehicle Stuck In Traffic Collision

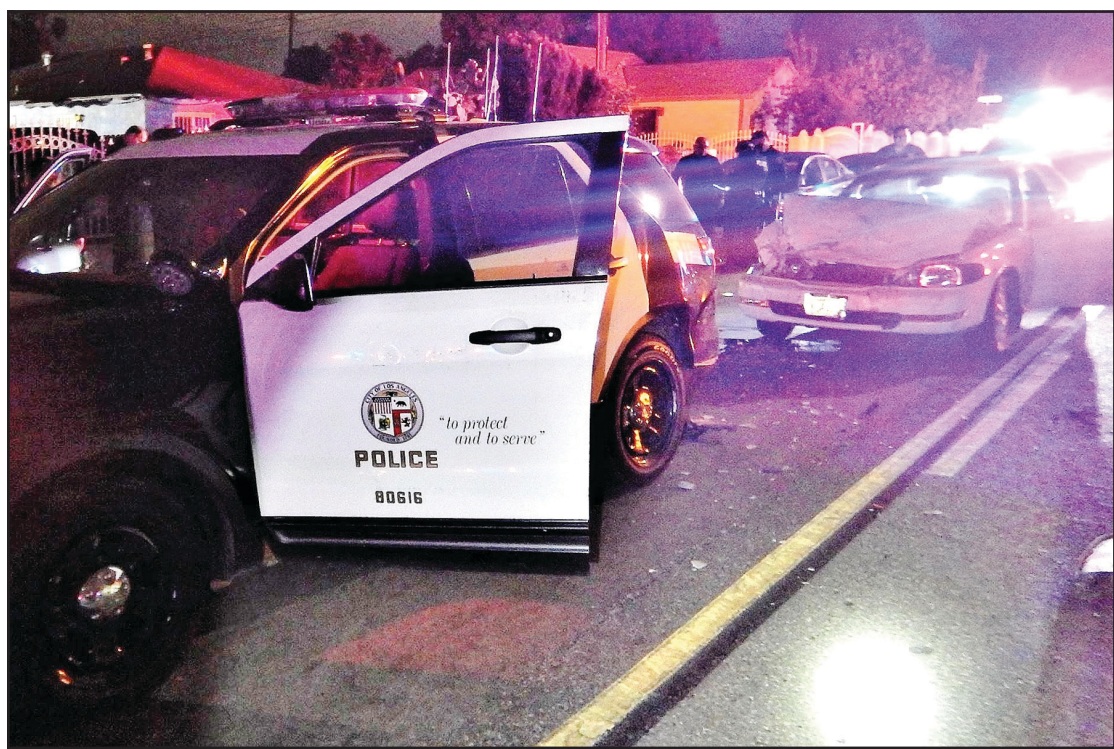


Photo courtesy of the Irwindale Police Dept.

LAPD SUV was struck from behind by a vehicle that was traveling west on Olive Street.

**IRWINDALE** - On Monday, March 8, 2021, at about 3:16 A.M., Irwindale Police Department officers and the Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to the 14800 block of Olive Street in the city of Irwindale regarding a traffic collision involving an on-duty police vehicle from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

On arrival, our officers found that two uniformed and on-duty police officers from the Los Angeles Police Department were in the area conducting a follow-up investigation to a crime that occurred in the city of Los Angeles.

Their marked LAPD police SUV was parked in the westbound lane of Olive Street, just west of Park Avenue in the city of Irwindale. The police vehicle's lights and rear facing amber emergency lights were activated at the time. While conducting their investigation, the LAPD police vehicle was struck from behind by an uninvolved vehicle that was traveling west on Olive Street.

One LAPD officer was seated in the front passenger seat at the time of the collision and the second officer was standing outside the vehicle, next to the open pas-

senger door. Both officers received minor injuries and were transported to the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center via ambulance.

The driver of the second vehicle, a 66-year-old male, was not injured in the collision. He remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigating officers.

The Irwindale Police Department is investigating this traffic collision. The cause of the collision remains under investigation; however, it does not appear that drugs or alcohol were a factor.

## Baldwin Park Police Department To Hold DUI/DL Checkpoint Saturday

**BALDWIN PARK** - The Baldwin Park Police Department will hold a DUI Checkpoint March 13th, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at an undisclosed location within Baldwin Park city limits.

Checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired.

During the checkpoint, officers will look for signs that drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs as well as check drivers for valid licenses.

As the state continues to work to stop the spread of COVID-19, the Baldwin Park Police Department is committed to keeping

the public safe.

"The safety of our community is and always will be our mission," Commander Andrew Velebil said. "We are still out there looking for impaired drivers because driving under the influence is still dangerous."

The Baldwin Park Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or "operating heavy machinery," which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or tak-

ing medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home.

Drivers charged with DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



## Planning Commissioner Accuses Former Mayor and Councilman of Crimes

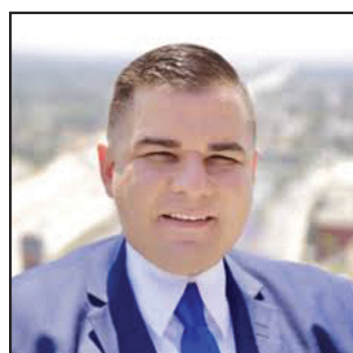
By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - A newly appointed West Covina Planning Commissioner, Brian Gutierrez has openly accused former West Covina Mayor James Toma, along with West Covina Councilman Brian Tabatabai of crimes. He accused them of using juveniles to attempt to break into his home.

Gutierrez has run for West Covina city council 3 times and lost, including the last election where he changed districts by registering an address in District 1.

Gutierrez posted on social media accusing both of committing crimes. Then, at a special council meeting, dedicated for the discussion of severing ties with the LA Co. Health Dept., Gutierrez came up to the lectern about the topic, and in midstream, he started his accusatory statements against Tabatabai and Toma. Mayor Letty Lopez quickly tried to stop him and get back to the topic at hand, which he did, but the damage had been done. The meeting was live and being broadcast at the time.

In his social media postings, with video, he states: "Criminal Activity by James Toma and Brian Tabatabai miners engaging in a stakeout to put



West Covina Planning Commissioner Brian Gutierrez

hats on and try a full break in attempt."

The video he has published actually shows a local news crew trying to establish if that was the true residence of Gutierrez.

At a following meeting, Toma called in for Oral Communications and expressed his displeasure of the false accusations with the slanderous remarks and the defamation of his character remarks. He called on the Mayor to address the issue.

Toma was asked for a quote for this story and he stated that, "This is a false attack on residents that the Mayor should not allow from any city employee, let alone her own commissioner, who serves at her will." He also went on to say, "I'm considering all my legal options."

It appears that he may have

a good case.

Tabatabai was also asked to comment, however he respectfully declined only stating, "Because this is a city personnel matter it would be inappropriate for me to comment."

Mayor Lopez was asked for a comment, however, out of respect for all parties she is staying out of this issue, however, her basic response was... "It's going through the proper channels and unfolding on its own".

The community outrage is very evident. People are calling for his termination or resignation from the commissioner.

It appears that he may have edited the original posting, however the original has been seen and saved by many.

Toma is currently Supervising Deputy Attorney General for the Charitable Trusts Section for the California Department of Justice where he investigates and litigates on behalf of the People of State of California against individuals, public benefit corporations, and businesses engaged in charitable solicitation fraud and other violations of charitable trust law. He was previously a council member and Mayor for the city of West Covina.

This kind of statements can clearly damage Toma's credibility and reputation.

## Long-Term Full Closure of Elwood Avenue at Railroad Crossing in Glendora Begins Tuesday, March 9, thru June 11

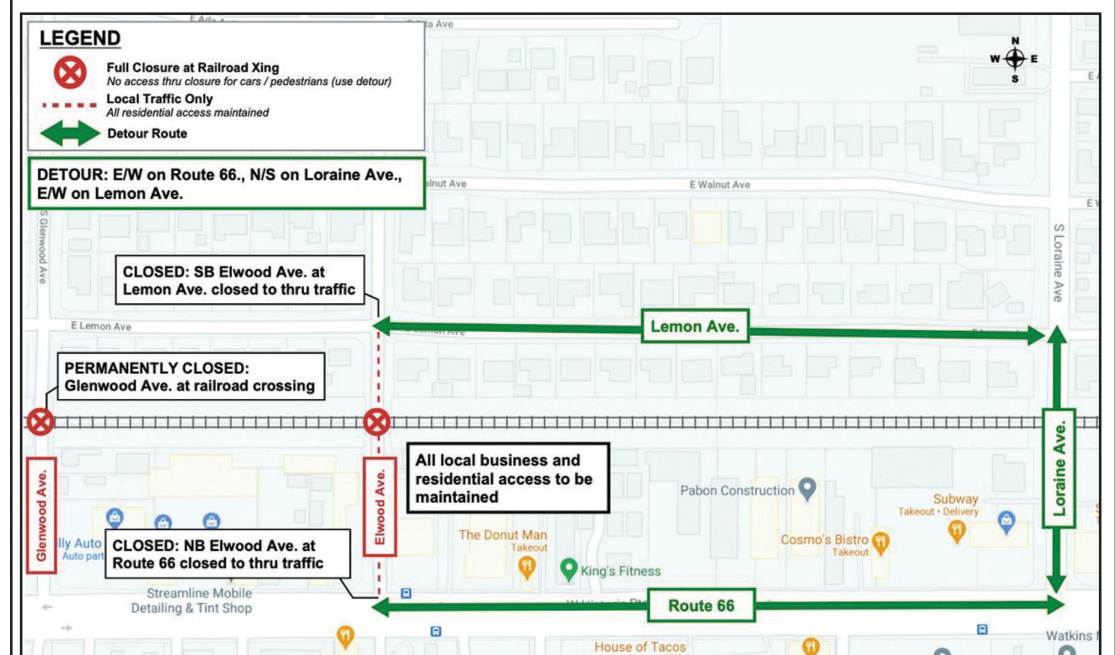
**WHO:** Residents / Businesses / Local Stakeholders in the city of Glendora  
**WHAT:** Beginning Tuesday, March 9, crews will be fully rebuilding the railroad crossing on Elwood Ave. in Glendora, as part of the 9.1-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project from Glendora to Pomona. This activity will require a full closure of the street to vehicles and pedestrians, 24 hours a day/7 days a week, for approximately three months, while crews relocate underground utilities, install two new light rail tracks and the relocated freight track, install a new safety and communication system, rebuild the street and much more.

**WHEN:** Beginning Tuesday, March 9th and continuing daily thru June 11th, 2021, Elwood Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) at the railroad crossing 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Route 66 (just south of the crossing) and Lemon Ave. (north of the crossing) will remain open and accessible by way of detour routes, see map below.

• Crews plan to work daily during double shift hours of 7:00 AM – 12:00 AM (Midnight), Monday – Saturday. NOTE: Occasional longer work hours and construction on Sundays may be performed during the closure period.

**WHERE:** Elwood Ave. at the railroad crossing in the city of Glendora (NOTE: access to homes and businesses on Elwood Ave. within the closure area north and south of the railroad crossing will be maintained at all times).

**DETOUR MAP:**



**WHAT TO EXPECT:**  
 • Elwood Ave. will be fully closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the railroad crossing in Glendora for approximately three months.

• **Access to homes and businesses on Elwood Ave. within the closure area north and south of the railroad crossing will be maintained at all times.**

• Detour routes (see map) will be in place during the closure and signage will be posted. Please follow detour signs.

- \* Elwood Ave. will be fully closed to all traffic at the railroad crossing between Route 66 and Lemon Ave.
- \* Loraine Ave. (northbound and southbound) will serve as the main detour route, see map.
- \* Route 66 (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.
- \* Lemon Ave. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.
- \* Noise from construction equipment will be produced near the active work zones.
- \* Bus stops may be temporarily relocated. For more information:
  - \* Foothill Transit Bus: (800) RIDE-INFO/(800) 743-3463 or foothilltransit.org
  - \* MTA Bus: (323) GO-METRO/(323) 466-3876 or metro.net

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR GENERAL OR CONSTRUCTION-RELATED QUESTIONS:** Residents and businesses can get their project or construction-related questions answered via phone or email:

**Project Construction Questions:**  
**Hotline:** (626) 513-5788  
**Email:** CommunityRelations@Kiewit-Parsons.com  
**General Project Questions:**  
**Call:** (626) 471-9050  
**Email:** PublicAffairs@Foothillgoldline.org  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 To learn of current or upcoming construction activities, visit the interactive construction map page at [www.foothillgoldline.org](http://www.foothillgoldline.org)

# Help for Duarte Resident Facing Homelessness

**DUARTE** - Times are difficult. Some of our neighbors are very well facing the unprecedented pressures of this pandemic on everything from mental health to financial burden to housing insecurity. The City of Duarte offers resources to assist those vulnerable to homelessness.

"Homelessness has been a longstanding issue in Los Angeles County, but the COVID-19 pandemic has further strained individuals financially to the point that fundamental needs are not being met," said Brian Villalobos. "We encourage any resident who is facing homelessness or who knows a neighbor with housing struggles to reach out for help."

City of Duarte Public Safety Outreach Coordinator Tony Hadloc works to improve public health with regional partners. Hadloc conducts direct street-level outreach to the unhoused to connect them to services, distribute hygiene kits with hand sanitizer and clean socks among

many other items, and even transports individuals to safe space if requested. Through a grant from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, the City of Duarte also has an assigned housing navigator and case worker through Union Station Homeless Services (USHS). Hadloc will refer clients to USHS that wish to enter the Los Angeles Coordinated Entry System to receive full case management including bridge housing, permanent housing and employment opportunities. Duarte's assigned housing navigator, Lisa Montano, works Monday through Thursday and every other Friday, holding office hours at Duarte Park, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 AM to 3:30 PM, and is on-call as needed.

The City of Duarte also partners closely with Foothill Unity Center (790 West Chestnut Ave., Monrovia, CA). Foothill Unity Center provides clothing, food, school supplies, support and crisis services, health service programs, and other special programs to the Foothill community. Starting in summer 2020, Foothill Unity was a subgrant recipient through the City of Duarte to provide hygiene services for the unhoused. This funding from the City of Duarte has allowed Foothill Unity Center to secure mobile restrooms and a handwashing station - services

that became even more important during the pandemic as public restrooms were shut down. Foothill Unity Center recently acquired separate grant funding to also offer mobile showers. Visit the Foothill Unity Center website or call their office at (626) 258-3486 for support.

Additionally, Hadloc conducts intake for the City's homeless prevention and diversion program. The City has a number of resources available to community members who are either currently unhoused or at risk of becoming homeless due to any number of reasons, including but not limited to unpaid rent, overdue utility bills, family or roommate dispute, auto repair preventing access to work, lack of rental deposit, or inability to pay moving costs. Any other barrier that may lead to homelessness can be discussed.

If you or someone you know needs help here in Duarte, please contact Tony Hadloc at (626) 386-6819 to discuss available homeless and homeless prevention resources.

Prevention/diversion funds are limited and distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. The City of Duarte maintains the right to approve or deny funding applications based on a needs assessment. Must be a resident of Duarte.

# Foothill Transit To Partner With City Of Covina, Albertsons To Convert Covina Transit Center To Covid-19 Vaccination Site

**COVINA** - The Covina Transit Center at 1126 North Citrus Avenue, Covina, will serve as a new San Gabriel Valley COVID-19 vaccination site thanks to a partnership between the City of Covina, Foothill Transit, and Albertsons. The first vaccination date will be Saturday, March 13 between 9:00am and 4:00pm and is tentatively scheduled to be open for appointments every other Saturday throughout the month, depending on vaccine availability.

The Covina Transit Center, owned and operated by Foothill Transit, opened in early 2020, just before the pandemic forced shutdowns of offices and non-essential businesses. It is served by the local Line 281, which runs from Glendora to Puente Hills Mall and Line 490, a Commuter Express line to downtown Los Angeles. Communities in Glendora, Covina, West Covina, and City of Industry will be able to access the vaccination site via Line 281.

The center was developed through a public private partnership with a residential developer, the City of Covina, and Foothill Transit.

Vaccinations will be scheduled and administered by Albertsons Pharmacy. On site check ins for appointments will be coordinated by both the City of Covina and Foothill Transit. Those eligible for vaccines include Phase 1A - healthcare workers and long-term care residents and Phase 1B - Individuals 65 and older as well as sector populations including: agriculture and food, education and childcare, and emergency services. People with vaccination appointments will be able to park inside the Covina Transit Center and will be directed to a safe waiting area following check-in. The site will have capacity to administer 1000 vaccinations.

"Partnering with the City of Covina and Albertsons to meet the vaccination needs of our communities will help us all get to a safer San Gabriel Valley," said Cynthia Sternquist, chair of Foothill Transit's Executive Board. "By joining resources and doing our part we increase access to vaccines for all San Gabriel Valley residents."

Victor Linares, Mayor of the City of Covina stated, "We are pleased to be able to partner with Albertsons and Foothill Transit to bring this much needed resource to our community. We recognize the need to get vaccinations out to folks across our community and region as a whole and are honored to be able to assist our community in these efforts."

The Covina Transit Center vaccination site is tentatively scheduled to run every other Saturday in March beginning March 13th. Local residents may schedule appointments via the following link: <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/foothilltransitcovina>

# More than 450,000 Vaccinations Administered in One Week; Vaccine Allocation to Increase This Week

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - To date, more than 2,415,000 doses of vaccine have been administered across the county. Of those vaccinated, 814,593 people have received second doses. This is an increase of 456,913 administered doses reported over the past week which averages to 65,273 doses administered per day. This includes providers both in our county network and those providers receiving direct vaccine allocations from the state and federal government.

The County's network of vaccination sites continues to grow and had the capacity for 600,000 appointment slots this week, although we only received enough doses for 280,000 appointments. Next week we are expecting to

receive 312,000 vaccine doses, the largest weekly shipment received to date. This allocation will include 53,700 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. With the Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requiring one dose, this should accelerate the speed and increase vaccination coverage across Los Angeles County as allotments increase.

The County continues to expand mobile vaccination services to better meet the needs of those in underserved communities. Public Health is also partnering with 24 community organizations, including many faith-based organizations and community clinics, as well as LA Care health plan, to assist community residents registering for vaccination sites.

At this time, healthcare workers, residents and staff at long-term care facilities, people 65 or older, education and childcare workers, food and agriculture workers, and emergency service workers and law enforcement are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Those eligible for the vaccine will continue to be eligible if they've not yet been vaccinated.

For information about vaccine appointments and when your turn is coming up, to sign up for a vaccination newsletter, and much more, visit: [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com) (English) and [www.VaccinateLosAngeles.com](http://www.VaccinateLosAngeles.com) (Spanish).

# CVS Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccination Sites Open in West Covina

**WEST COVINA** - The City of West Covina is pleased to announce the partnership with CVS Pharmacy to provide two vaccination sites in West Covina. The CVS vaccination sites that will offer both the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and the recently authorized for emergency use by the FDA, Johnson & Johnson Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

The CVS located at 702 N. Azusa Avenue is offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The second CVS location (located within the Eastland Center Tar-

get, at 2831 E. Eastland Center Drive) will offer the Johnson & Johnson Janssen vaccine starting March 5th. CVS is requiring appointments which can be made at [www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine). While the 702 N. Azusa CVS is fully booked, the Eastland Center CVS will start taking appointments tomorrow. It is advised to check the website occasionally for any availabilities.

Currently, CVS is providing vaccines to people 65 and older, teachers (K-12), daycare and pre-

school workers and staff, health care workers, long-term care residents and staff, food and agriculture workers. At this time, appointments for the CVS located at 702 is fully booked. To find the nearest vaccination site, through CVS, and to make an appointment, visit [CVS.com](http://CVS.com)

Please note that the City is not involved with scheduling appointments. For appointments at other vaccination sites, visit the County's website at [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov).

# Residents Urged to Avoid Non-Essential Travel as Spring Break Season Begins

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Spring break season this year has the ability to derail our recovery journey if it involves increased travel, gatherings and nonadherence to safety measures. While COVID-19 numbers have decreased, transmission remains widespread here in L.A. County and in many states and countries. Postponing travel and staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 during this pandemic. Los Angeles County residents should continue to avoid all non-essential travel and stay within 120 miles from their place of residence, unless they are traveling for essential purposes.

A Travel Advisory remains in effect in Los Angeles County. Anyone who is arriving to Los

Angeles County must self-quarantine for 10 days; please remain at your home or lodging for the 10 days and avoid contact with others. Please do not travel if you are sick. If you have COVID-19 symptoms get tested.

"To the families and friends mourning the loss of a loved one due to COVID-19, I send my sincere condolences," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We may just be weeks away from reducing transmission in L.A. County enough so that additional reopenings are permitted. However, with increased case numbers in other states, and more circulating variants of concern, spring travel can lead to another surge that frankly would be almost impossible to tolerate. Travel increases the risk of getting and

spreading COVID-19. To avoid this, please postpone travel and continue doing your part to slow the spread so that our recovery journey isn't sidelined."

Public Health's compliance teams continue to inspect businesses across the County every day. Inspectors review compliance with the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order, identify violations, and issue citations for businesses out of compliance. From February 18 through February 28, a total of 88 citations were issued to businesses including many restaurants and gyms for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders.

The success of the County's recovery depends on businesses following the rules. Non-compliance contributes to increased community transmission.

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# HR 803: Land and Water Grab To Will One Thing

Recently we've seen several write-ups on Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands (PAW) Act which is a package of eight bills affecting California, Arizona, Washington and Colorado. In total, we are seeing 1.2 million acres classified as new wilderness, which is the most restrictive federal land use classification, designates 1,200 miles of wild, scenic, and recreation rivers; pulls over 1 million acres from new mining claims; and expands nearly 110,000 acres of national monument land, majority of which is the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The House vote was 227 to 200 almost along party lines with eight Republicans reported to vote for the bill. One Republican has said he will be changing his vote to oppose. It now goes to the Senate.



**Shade's Perspective**  
Lois M. Shade  
Former Mayor of Glendora

South Dakota representatives have said with President Biden pulling the permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline and Biden's goal of protecting 30% of the U.S. lands and waters by 2030, our western states, and particularly small communities, are going to be totally devastated.

SB 803 is huge and it is difficult in some cases to round up all the information. Putting together bits and pieces of fact and opinion, this is what has been gathered up this week. The amount of land and water that is being taken by the Democrats at the federal level is massive and will have an impact on states to be able to do business. I am still reviewing what has happened here in the San Gabriel Valley.

Colorado's bill, Colorado Wilderness Act, by U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette includes about 660,000 acres, but on the map is not one, wide swathe, but a polka dot of areas, and mostly under the jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management. DeGette, has pursued this wilderness protection for 20

years. In a second bill, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act, would turn 400,000 acres of public lands into wilderness areas making them off limits to public recreation, withdraw 200,000 acres from new mining leases, oil and gas extraction and make Camp Hale, a World War II training camp, the first historic landscape.

In Washington State, Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, would designate 131,900 new acres of designated wilderness and add 457 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers. This is a situation of repeatedly introducing these bills over 10 years without being able to pass them.

In Arizona, their bill provides a moratorium on 1 million acres around the Grand Canyon on new mining. This is the same moratorium that took place in 2008, but former President Trump took steps reversing that block. SB 803 makes the moratorium permanent.

Sen. Kamala Harris, when running for president, submitted three California wilderness bills with California House members, written expecting liberal Democrats to win, so these areas could be included in the massive HR 803. All passed as part of that package, and I've not found any

specific changes when incorporated into HR 803.

- Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act with Rep. Jared Huffman (D - Eureka) establishes the Condor National Scenic Trail, and protected approximately 260,000 acres of wilderness in and around Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests.

- Central Coast Heritage Protection Act, with Rep Salud Ortiz Carbajal, (D- Santa Barbara) would protect almost 250,000 acres as wilderness in the Los Padres National Forest and Carrizo Plain National Monument.

- San Gabriel Mountains and Rivers Protection Act, with Rep. Judy Chu (D - Pasadena/Glendora) adding an additional 109,143 acres of the west, south side of the Angeles National Forest; and, adding 51,107 acres of the SG National Recreation area that includes, not only forest, but private property from Pasadena to Claremont.

- Not mentioned in the Harris bills, but included HR 803 package, is Sen. Adam Schiff's Rim of the Valley (D - Pasadena / Burbank) legislation that would add 191,000 acres to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

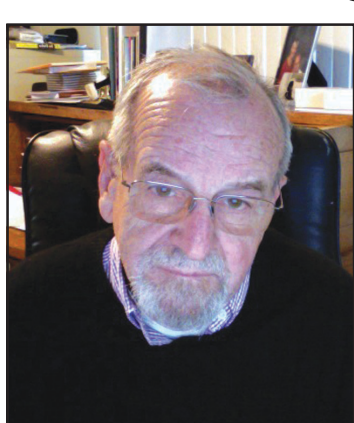
A couple of things to consider when you look at HR 803. California is back in drought conditions and Southern California will probably be hit the hardest because of the liberal environmentalist attitude in the north over THEIR delta water and fish preservation.

Second, this bill turns land and water management over to the federal government and National Park Services. Since I've been involved with the Schiff - Chu land grab proposals, that federal organization has maintained their \$12 billion maintenance backlog. U.S. Park Service properties are literally falling apart.

Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish theologian and philosopher, is known as the father of existentialism. Many of his writing appeared as essays he called "Edifying Discourses." Among them is "Purity of Heart is to Will One Thing," in which he warns against double mindedness. A valid vocation, he held, is one that consistently consumes a person so that they are not distracted by other interests.

Kierkegaard quotes the Greek poet Archilochus who wrote, "The Fox knows many things, but the Hedgehog knows one big thing." There are many different interpretations of this parable. The psychologist Phil Tetlock sees it as a way of understanding two diverse cognitive lifestyles. Foxes and Hedgehogs have different strategies for different problems. Foxes are comfortable with nuance, are always looking for new adventures, and can live with contradictions. Hedgehogs, on the other hand, focus on one consuming perspective. They reduce every problem to a single organizing principle. Kierkegaard believed that Hedgehogs had it right, but most of us are a combination of both Fox and Hedgehog.

A good friend has dedicated his scholarly life to focusing on the relationship between the Greek and Roman classics (principally Homer's poetry) and the New Testament gospels. His world-class reputation demonstrates how the gospel writers often mimicked the Greeks. While his focus has been "to will one thing," I have been consumed by a variety of vocational fascinations. My friend sees himself as a Hedgehog, and he sees me as a Fox. Both of us agree on the basic accuracy of these depictions. While he agrees with the Dane, I'm not so sure. Clearly, however, there is both Fox and Hedgehog in each of us. My



Charles H. Bayer

Hedgehog friend has been an avid ice hockey player, and is now a gourmet cook.

In my Fox-like vocational history, as a teen I knew that I wanted to be a medical doctor. But then each summer I spent a marvelous week at a church youth conference, and was so taken by that experience that at 18 during my final year at the conference, I stepped forward and committed my life to the Christian ministry. That fall I began my higher education by attending a church college that most clearly resembled my youth conference experience. Seven years later I began my ministerial career.

While I have maintained my work with congregations for the ensuing half century, it took a long time to realize just where my commitment basically resided. The root of my vocation has been a lifetime affirming the teachings of Jesus. The church has been the fundamental vehicle adopted to live out that commitment. Given the vocational foundation in the life, teachings and call of Jesus. I am, however, primarily a Fox, but with a life given "to will one thing."

While I am partly Hedgehog, the Fox in me has sought to find and work out a variety of disciplines in addition to congregational ministry. But never out of focus is affirming Jesus' prayer that the Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven.

With that commitment always central, let me briefly describe where this Fox has wandered.

Teaching has always been a fascination, beginning with teaching New Testament Greek to undergraduates during my seminary years. Since then I have taught part time at the Chicago Theological Seminary, The Disciples Seminary Foundation and the Lexington Theological Seminary, and full-time on the theological faculty of a seminary that

is part of the University of Melbourne. (Australia)

The Fox in me has been invested in writing. I have produced ten books, basically on theology and the role of the church.

I have been a journalist publishing over 700 columns in a Missouri daily newspaper and over 200 columns during my retirement in Claremont, California. In addition, I have at times been a regular columnist for two magazines and have been published in a number of other journals.

I have also been involved working with various organizations on peace and justice issues such as "The Clergy Consultation Service on Problem Pregnancies." I was the founder of "Disciples for Mission and Renewal," and a founding member of "Disciples Justice Action Network." (DJAN)

These issues all have all been related to my commitment to the teachings of Jesus. Thus the Hedgehog part of me.

As a Fox, I have had a longtime goal to develop each year a new interest in a variety of unrelated matters. Just as examples:

I have attempted to learn several languages.

I became involved with Students for a Democratic Society.

I learned to play the flute, the recorder, the trumpet, the guitar, the violin, none of them well but then, things worth doing may be worth doing poorly.

For two years I was the director of a not-for profit agency working with marginal students helping them find the economic resources that allowed them to stay in school.

I founded an organization concerning juveniles who had been caught in the adult criminal justice system.

I became an instrument-rated airplane pilot, and spent several years on a motorcycle, and many summers sailing my sloop off the coast of Maine.

In my 80s and now 90s I have become a watercolor artist.

Now in 2021 I have yet to see what new matter will get the attention of this Fox.

To will one thing focuses on the Hedgehog in me. To be involved in a variety of other concerns reflects my nature as a Fox. What are you?

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## The Newest Attack on States Rights - HR 1

**My Opinion: By D. B. Shimel**

Recently, in the middle of the night, the U. S. House of Representatives passed the 791-page monstrosity of a bill they labeled HR 1, also known as the "For the people Act of 2021". This title is a scam. Some provisions, like ensuring all voting machines used in U.S. elections are manufactured in the United States or increasing access for voters with disabilities, are supported by both parties. Most other provisions are onerous at best. Because of space limitations I have only summarized the most egregious parts of this bill. The words "this bill" are frequently omitted to reduce redundancy.

The lead paragraph states: "To expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, and for other purposes." Correctly, this document further states under Article I, section 4, paragraph 1, of the Constitution, the individual states shall decide how the voting for Senators and Representatives will be conducted. But then, also says, "Congress may at any time by law make or alter such Regulations ..." Constitutionally, Congress

can only regulate the method, time and place for the election of members of Congress. Democrats have chosen to ignore this troublesome issue.

If passed by the Senate and approved by the President it will become law. One would expect this law to be challenged by many entities. Firstly, it is an unfunded mandate - meaning that, communities, states and schools, will be required to spend tax-payer money to implement. Also, this bill would regulate how all voting throughout the nation is conducted. Further, to prevent states from changing the legislation, this act requires states to obtain approval from the federal government before implementing any changes. Finally, any group that wants to challenge this legislation could only file in the District Court for the District of Columbia and all plaintiffs would be required "to file joint papers or to be represented by a single attorney ..."

I present here a paragraph used to justify this congressional power grab. "Congress also finds that States and localities have eroded access to the right to vote through restrictions on the right to vote including excessively onerous voter identification requirements, burdensome voter

registration procedures, voter purges, limited and unequal access to voting by mail, polling place closures, unequal distribution of election resources, and other impediments."

All states would have to provide: automatic voter registration (AVR) meaning, any person that has given information to designated government agencies, such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, a public university, or a social service agency would be automatically registered to vote; no ID required to register and cast ballots; same day registration (again without proving citizenship, just sign an affidavit saying you are who you say you are); signature verification on mail-in ballots would no longer be a requirement; people must be allowed to register online without proof of identification or citizenship; States would not be allowed to purge voter rolls or prosecute non-citizens who register through AVR and vote (legalizes non-citizen voting); mandates universal absentee ballots meaning anyone can request absentee ballots for any reason; and, legalizes the practice of mailing out ballots to all registered voters - even those who have moved or passed away. States would be prohibited from cross-checking signatures on registration addresses or voting.

Legalizes limitless nationwide ballot harvesting. Mandates all states make absentee voter boxes available 45 days before any election, and count ballots for 10 days after the election. Mandates changes to the composition of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to facilitate Democrat domination of the Commission. Requires voter registration for those under 18, and requires colleges and universities to hire officials to inform students about elections and encourage voter registration. HR 1 further, prohibits the publication of "mis-

leading information" (who decides what misleading is) about elections making it a federal crime to "communicate, or cause to be communicated, information" that is knowingly false, and designed to discourage voting, and carries with it a sentence of up to 5 years.

Allows politicians to use campaign funds for personal use such as daycare costs.

Requires (implies Democrat run) "independent" congressional district commissions be set up, taking power away from the state legislature. Creates a new commission that would study elections but would consist of 10 members, only 4 of whom would be selected by the minority party, giving the majority (usually Democrat) total control.

Mandates new disclosure for donations by corporations. Provides oversight of online political advertising covering any form of advertising over the Internet. Weakens the Supreme Court's 'Citizens United' decision upholding the case against campaign advertising limitations by non-candidate funded political action groups, thus limiting these group's freedom of speech.

HR 1 urges D.C. statehood and representation for territories, increasing Democrat domination of Congress.

Changes rules "around conflicts of interest" for the president and vice president requiring they divest all financial interests that could pose a conflict of interest for them, their families. Finally, this bill changes FEC rules for presidential candidates, making it mandatory that candidates provide tax returns for the previous ten years - a violation of the Fourth Amendment.

In summary, this bill is a blatant example of Congressional, tyrannical, overreach and surreptitiously gives Congress the authority to administer all facets of all elections.

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# Time For An Overbought Market To Consolidate?

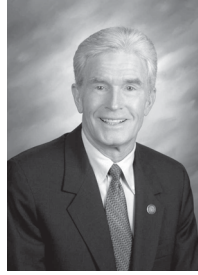
During this earnings season many of my colleagues on Wall Street shared their opinions that the market's momentum has been too good to believe. Many of their stock picks were up over 20% in terms of earnings momentum, earnings stability, earnings surprises, sales growth, margin expansion, cash flow and/or return on equity. It has been a phenomenal earnings season. Analyst earnings revisions were up over 22% year to date. This has been a major driver of stocks, but I believe the market is overdue for some consolidation.

For consumers to really cheer up Covid-19 restrictions need to be lifted in most states. One optimistic forecast sees "herd immunity" occurring in April, which might cause many more states to lift their restrictions. Texas, Mississippi, Iowa, Montana and the Dakotas have already ceased their mask mandates. We're coming up to the one-year anniversary of the first lockdowns. It is against human nature for people to be locked up, somewhat in isolation. Most American's want to get back to normal, sooner rather than later.

I expect to see a positive rebound by April. In the market as well as the economy year-over-year comparisons should be phenomenal this spring and summer. President Biden is still in his honeymoon phase. Most media is saving their major attacks for the governors of California and New York (over their Covid-19 mistakes and restrictions). Another reason that the stock market has continued to meander higher is that there is significant liquidity sloshing around.

The stock market also seems to be climbing a "wall of worry". Headlines tell us about what is going wrong. California's roll-

**In A Nutshell**  
What's up in the Economy?



**KEN HERMAN**  
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ing electricity blackouts from last year have now spread. Texas' historic freeze stopped many wind turbines and caused widespread blackouts. Europe is also very cold, which has caused its wind turbines to also freeze up and many of their solar panels were covered by snow. Complicating matters our sun has had no sunspots for several months! Many observers worry about a phenomenon which caused a mini-ice age in Europe between 1645 and 1715. In a series of warning signs, the Thames River has frozen for the first time in 60 years. Athens, Greece was covered by snow last week - so much so that they had to suspend Covid-19 vaccinations. And, over 72% of the U.S. had snow on the ground.

The truth of the matter is that the stock market has been overbought for over a month. It may now be time for Wall Street to consolidate its recent gains. In a brewing inflationary environment, growth stocks have traditionally been a great inflation hedge, so consolidation could just be the "pause that refreshes" before the next surge as we await the first-quarter announcement season, beginning mid-April.

Struggling economies must now deal with power outages, extreme winter weather and Covid-19 restrictions. Confidence in green energy solutions should be

impacted by extreme weather (and not just in Texas and California). Due to extreme cold and power outages, I had expected that first quarter GDP estimates might have to be revised lower by economists in both Europe and the U.S. However, the Atlanta Fed is now estimating annualized first-quarter GDP growth at +9.5% (up from 4.5% in the previous week), even though Europe is slipping into a double-dip recession. How did this forecast revision happen?

In this Brave New World retail sales can rise dramatically, even in bad weather, through online sales. The Commerce Department announced last Wednesday that retail sales rose 5.3% in January after declining for three straight months. Economists were expecting sales to rise just 1%. There is no doubt that the \$600 debit cards the federal government sent out likely stimulated sales. As consumers continue to "nest," spending on electronics and appliances rose 14.7%, furniture sales rose 12%, on-line sales rose 11%, and sporting goods (including gun sales) rose 8%. Smith & Wesson alone sold twice as many handguns and rifles than a year ago during their fiscal quarter ending January 31st. Sales at bars & restaurants rose 7% in January. This bodes well for a faster recovery when more Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Excluding gas station and vehicle sales, retail sales rose 6% in January, raising hope for an ongoing impressive rebound!

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*If a recession happens, what can I do to be more prepared?*

The government doesn't declare a "recession" until the U.S. economy has endured a 6-month-long downturn. It's always important to get your own financial house in order. When there's a recession, cost of goods and interest rates both go up, sometimes dramatically. Almost all credit cards and home-equity lines of credit are adjustable interest rates. Credit cards do not typically have a rate limit; home-equity lines of credit are required to adhere to the contract, typically limiting frequency and amount of rate increases. Put money into an emergency fund! This money needs to be exclusively for urgent, absolutely necessary, and totally unexpected expenses. It should be 3-6 months of living expenses, and accessible by paper checks, as well as ATM. Check your home and car insurances and save enough to cover the deductibles. IF there's no recession, having your house in financial order will still be a really good place to be.

**The interest earned on my CDs is nearly wiped out by the taxes on interest earned. If I put my money into an annuity, when would I have to pay taxes?**

Money in an annuity grows tax deferred. You don't have to pay taxes on the growth until you start taking distributions or withdraw funds. This is important. While your money is sitting in an annuity, the amount you put in, plus the interest it is earning, is compound growing rather than being spent to pay taxes.

*We're just not going to have*



**Julia Yoder**

**enough money in our retirement savings for us to have the lifestyle we were dreaming about. What do we do now?**

Make a new plan. This will take looking at what you've got, what options you have available, making a plan, and putting that plan into action. A good financial professional will ask a lot of questions in gathering the detailed facts about your current savings, as well as about what you want your money to do for you. They will let you know if you are already doing a good job of retirement planning on your own, explain your options, and tell you what changes (easy or uncomfortable) that you need to strongly consider.

**With mortgage interest rates still historically low, would this be a good time to take some of the equity from our home and invest in some rental properties?**

Mortgage rates are low, and real estate property prices are high. If you lost your income, how long could you make your mortgage payments? The pandemic brought about job losses and lending institutions have al-

lowed temporary postponement of mortgage payments. What if your tenants were to lose their income due to the pandemic? You couldn't evict them, and you would have to allow them to temporarily stop paying rent, thereby losing that income to pay mortgage payments on your rental property(-ies). Although not all-inclusive, here are some more things to think about before making this decision. Cost: mortgages, taxes, insurance, upkeep, repairs, vacancies. Do you plan to be the landlords, or hire a property manager? Emergencies: liquid funds (easily accessible), life insurance to cover expenses and/or pay off debts with the loss of income of one of you due to illness or death. New laws in California are more tenant-friendly, not landlord friendly. Learn everything you can about obeying these relatively new laws. Exit plan: How many years do you plan to hold these properties? Will you hold these properties in the name of a trust? Will you be utilizing 'exchanges'? Learn about your options: What other places could you invest to potentially reach your financial goals?

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# As More Businesses and Schools Reopen, Public Health Highlights the Most Effective Ways to Prevent COVID-19 Transmission

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - As businesses and schools begin to reopen with safety modifications in L.A. County, Public Health continues to remind everyone that 1) wearing a mask, 2) washing your hands or using hand sanitizer, and 3) keeping your distance from people that don't live with you continue to be the best ways to avoid getting and spreading COVID-19. Our daily new case reports remain high, and community transmission is still widespread.

Gatherings, even with people you know who have no symptoms and have tested negative, can still result in spread of the virus to many people. The risk of spread

increases when people are not diligent about consistently and correctly wearing face masks or keeping their physical distance and when people gather indoors.

Daily testing for the virus is not a substitute for masks, infection control and distancing since it does not prevent someone from becoming infected and from passing the virus along to others. Because of the virus' long incubation period, even a person who has recently tested negative for the virus could be positive within hours of testing and can infect other people unknowingly.

As a reminder, anyone who tests positive needs to isolate

from others for at least 10 days, until symptoms have improved, and they are fever free for at least 24 hours. Any person that tests positive for COVID-19 may be able to infect others for up to 10 days after being diagnosed, even if the person never had symptoms or their symptoms have subsided, and anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 may have infected others at least 48 hours before they tested positive or before they had any symptoms.

Isolating when sick or after testing positive and quarantining when exposed to an infected person are two other critical strategies for slowing the spread of COVID-19.

# Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Mails Notices of Payment Due

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Keith Knox, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector mailed approximately 137,000 Payment Activity Notices to Los Angeles County property owners. The notices alert property owners that the Department's records reflect no payment, a partial payment, or a late payment on the first installment of their property taxes for the current tax year 2020-21. The notices include the attached insert which provides important information regarding Penalty Cancellation Requests and payment options, as our offices remain closed to the public during this COVID-19 pandemic. "Property owners who were unable to pay their property taxes on time for reasons related to COVID-19 may submit a Penalty Cancellation Request online at [ttc.lacounty.gov](http://ttc.lacounty.gov)," Mr. Knox advised.

Mr. Knox further said, "As a result of this mailing, property owners may find it difficult

to reach us on the telephone. They may obtain answers to the great majority of their questions, including how to request a copy of a property tax bill, obtain the amount due on any parcel, or find the tax payment history for the past three fiscal tax years on the Los Angeles

County Property Tax Portal at [propertytax.lacounty.gov](http://propertytax.lacounty.gov). Property owners may also call the toll-free Property Tax Information Line at 1(888) 807-2111, where automated information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

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# How Often Should You Have Your Car Serviced?

I know in this day and age it is sometimes difficult to remember certain appointments...like going to the dentist or the doctor every six months...or having your vehicle serviced at least twice a year! You can ignore it until suddenly you aren't feeling your best, or you experience a toothache, or your car breaks down.

Here is what your car's owner manual tells you should happen and how often. We recommend you visit us every six months to keep your vehicle in tip-top shape!

Your owner's manual states that every time you stop for fuel you need to:

- Check engine oil level and add as required.
- Check windshield washer solvent and add if required.

Once a month you are supposed to:

- Check tire pressure and look

for unusual wear or damage

- Inspect battery and clean and tighten terminals as required.
- Check fluid levels of coolant reservoir, power steering, brake master cylinder, and transmission and add as needed
- Check all lights and all other electrical items for correct operation

At every oil change you are supposed to:

- Inspect exhaust system
- Inspect brake hoses
- Rotate tires at each oil change interval shown on schedule "A" (Highway miles) or every other interval as shown on schedule "B" (Stop and go miles).
- Check coolant level, hoses, and clamps.
- After completion of off-road operation, the underside of the vehicle should be thoroughly inspected.
- Examine threaded fasteners for looseness

That is what the kindly, full-service gas station attendant used to do for us. Now that everything is self serve, we tend to drive up, fill up and drive off. Think about it. Do you check your engine oil level or your washer solvent at each fuel stop? Do you monthly check your tire pressure, inspect your battery, and check fluid levels, lights and other electrical items? The majority of consum-

ers never lifts the hood of their car or even looks at their tires, much less checks the pressure. Some, when it is time for an oil change are adamant that we just change their oil as they are in a hurry and everything else seems fine.

It is true that our cars are increasingly sophisticated pieces of machinery and that our oil is better able to withstand a couple of extra thousand miles between changes but how about all those other services that the gas station attendant used to take care of for us? Sadly, the answer for the most part is no one! You should at least have your vehicle serviced twice a year at the minimum. If you don't, think about what can go wrong between visits without someone lifting the hood and someone checking your tire pressure and fluid levels.

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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## Phone Scams, Scams by Mail and Door Knock Scams. WAKE UP!

I have talked about this subject more than once. I feel it's important and it needs to be addressed again.

I had a friend who is a bit gullible. She received one of those phone calls stating that she had some issues that were pending and could result in some type of criminal prosecution. However, if she was to resolve this with a \$600 payment, this would satisfy the issue and everything would be resolved. However, they stated that they can't accept a payment over the phone via a credit card or even an electronic type check. They had a different procedure to use. They wanted her, the victim, to go to Stater Brothers and purchased 3 Amazon gift cards at \$200 each. Apparently, there's a number on the back that authorizes the activation of that card. She was to call them back immediately after purchasing these cards so they could process this for her case and to get it resolved.

She actually went down and got these 3 gift cards and had a conversation with them again. It was at that point she said that she told them this sounded like a scam and wasn't going to go any further. The phone conversation was terminated and she returned to Stater Brothers to return the cards, but it's not their policy to accept returns. Don't let these scammers do this to you.

Sometimes you get a phone call and it's about your automobile warranty that has expired. I have fun with this. I asked him what car he is talking about. I love the part when they ask "what car do I have?" I reminded them that they called me, so they should have that car's information in front of them on the computer screen. Their next comment is that, "I'm off the screen at the moment." I asked them if it's about my Corvette and they say yes. It's a brand-new Corvette so why is the warrantee expiring on a brand-new car? I was surprised with one response that I could get additional coverage. My guess is that if a water pump goes out, I can now get two for the price of one. I then rattle off some of my other cars. I let them come up with some numbers. After about 20 minutes, he realized I was just playing with him. I think what tipped it off is when I asked him about the Ferrari. He finally hung



**George Ogden**  
*That's just the way it is!*

up. Don't you love it when the bank calls you and tells you that you have a problem with your credit card and your account? I saw this gig on YouTube. This guy was hilarious. He recorded a lengthy conversation with this scammer. He talked like an old man that can't understand what was going on. He kept telling the scammer, "yes, send me the credit card". This scammer was getting frustrated so the victim handed over the phone to his daughter. The only thing that he actually did was change his voice. She was just as stupid as the old man voice. Then she handed over the phone to her son. Again, a simple change in the voice put 3 people on the phone. This scammer got so fed up that she's talking to too many dumb people and hung up. People, it works. It works on every type of scam.

Most of us are stuck at home and have nothing better to do but to wait for those phone calls to come in so we can play the game right back at them. Remember, the longer you keep them on the phone will result in less potential victims that they end up contacting.

You also get those scams in the mail requesting that you donate to a Police Association or Fire Department Association. For \$25 donation they send you a decal and maybe if you're lucky a calendar. None of that money will ever go to either of those organizations. Police and Fire departments don't send out mail like that, nor do they even make phone call solicitations. If you feel you need to donate to one of these organizations, give them a call and ask them how you can do it. They will be glad to help you out.

Those people that come to your door and tell you that they can put a coating on your roof and

get your roof to last another 20 years is a bunch of garbage. Don't do it. If you need work done around your home, you call somebody. There's been guys that go around with asphalt stating that it is an extra load and they can do repairs to your driveway. When they are done you get a bill that's unbelievable. Again, you call someone if you need that work done.

This next one isn't really a scam, but it can ruin you if you're not careful. It is the HERO Program. They come to your home and do upgrades what sounds like a no charge deal as they well basically put the bill on your TAX BILL. When your Property Tax Bill come due, it is for thousands of dollars.

The HERO loan payments will be added to your property taxes. The loan is considered a tax lien so it will take first priority in the event of a default. The HERO loan gets paid before any other creditors, including any lender that holds the original first mortgage on a home. You may not be able to buy, sell, or even refinance a house that has a HERO loan unless you pay the loan off in full.

The financing fee for this type of loan can be very expensive. Typically, there is a one-time 6.95% administration fee and a yearly interest rate of 11% or more.

These loans don't always show up on the bill for your first property tax installment of the year. They typically come with the second tax bill resulting in many homeowners having to suddenly find a way to make a much larger payment than expected in order to make up for that first missed payment.

I am sorry, but I can't help but think that this is some type of government supported scam. They seem to target the elderly.

A friend of mine fell for this program and they did things to her home that she didn't need. She found that she couldn't pay her property taxes. It became a nightmare for her. She had to find a company that would do a reverse mortgage for her, and that wasn't easy.

Please be careful out there. Others are out there to get your money.

*"That's just the way it is!"*

## Seen or Heard Around Town And in The Valley

By Ed "Hondo" Torres

1. U.S. Senator Hirono of Hawaii has been adamant that every time a woman makes an accusation of sexual harassment she must-be-believed, but now that N.Y. Governor Cuomo has been accused several times, she dodges and digresses... She should not dodder simply because she and "the gov" are in the same political party

2. Reportedly overheard while standing-in-line, an ol' guy saying: "My mother wore the pants in the family... and had extra pairs..."

3. Earning a good education is a good precursor for becoming a productive member of society... Having political and educational leaders who fail their constituents with schools that historically do a poor job of educating students will result, of course, in too many failing adults - and the cycle of poverty thus will continue.

4. Some people often readily accuse others of being racists simply to avoid having a reasonable discussion on important topics of local and national interest.

5. Many people in-the-Valley are military veterans, but most are almost invisible - few in public give "any hint" of their past service.

6. In the wacky world of cur-

rent society, depending on one's point of view, seems that "everybody" is labeled a HERO, including "the homeless", the guy who quit smoking, the "incarcerated" and the man who feeds the pigeons at the park -- whether the pigeons are hungry or not... Nonetheless, there are REAL heroes, and certainly not everyone IS one...

7. All Republicans are violent and racist extremists, and the Democrats all lovable, cuddly Americans.

8. Again, in the wacky world we live in, some say there is no-such-thing as being "abnormal", that everyone and everything is normal... Seriously?...

9. Some say they voted for

Biden for president because "he's for open borders", and that this country should allow any and all people of the world to come to the United States of America.

10. Once-upon-a-time the cable companies came into towns as everyone's best friend, promising to be responsive to the needs of the local citizenry, but now they seem to be in cahoots with each other, "bleeding" everyone with high priced T.V. programming and even higher priced internet service... By the way, what role do the public's political representatives play in all this mess?

*Comments to Ed "Hondo" Torres: honnod1@yahoo.com*

## Baldwin Park Unified Opens Enrollment for 2021-22 School Year

**BALDWIN PARK** - Baldwin Park Unified is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-22 school year. Baldwin Park Unified School District provides comprehensive learning opportunities that span transitional kindergarten through adult school. The Dis-

trict's signature programs include the award-winning Dual Language program, career technical education pathways and hands-on STEM opportunities. Families may begin the enrollment process online at [www.bpusd.net](http://www.bpusd.net).

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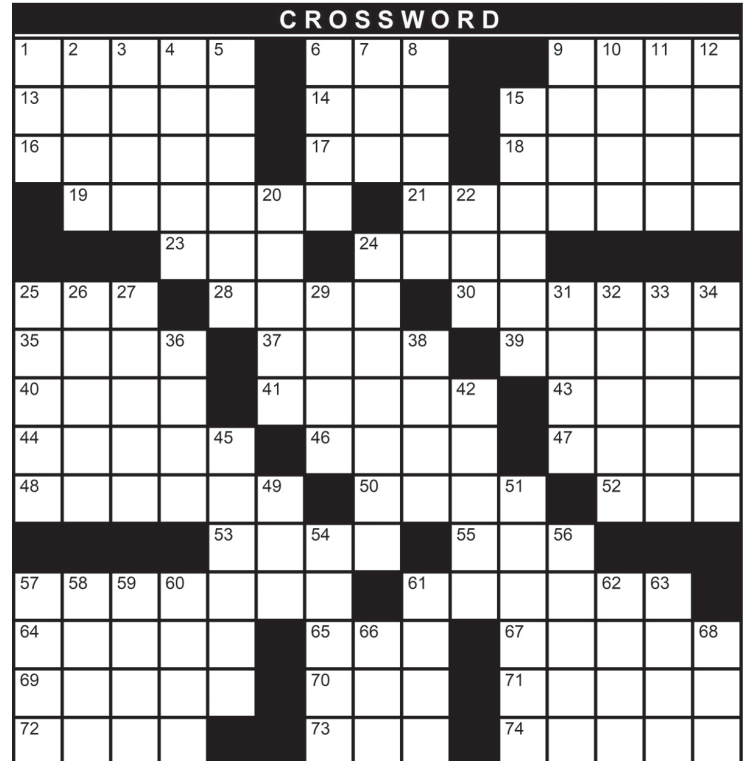
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- Relating to pond scum
- \*Babe Ruth's first major league team
- \* \_\_\_-and-\_\_\_ sport
- Dog command
- Bald eagle's home
- Witchy woman
- Back wound?
- Siskel or Ebert
- Smoothing appliance
- Distinctive flair
- Stomata, sing.
- Burlap fiber
- Archeologist's find
- Estimated arrivals
- Discompose
- Cobbler's concern
- Merlin or Gandalf
- \*B in RBI
- Close by
- Spade for stony ground
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- Between ready and go
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- Express contempt
- What Simon does
- Cut grass
- Intoxicating

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- Copycat
- \*Number of standard baseball positions
- Miss Muffet's meal
- Vomiting
- Highest point
- \*Scoring unit
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- Tulip's early stage
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- Bacchus' attendants
- Weasel's aquatic cousin
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- Diver's edible reward
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- Car sound, to a toddler
- Trinity
- Small door-opening devices
- One of the hipbones, pl.
- Whirlpool
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### March 4, 2021 Puzzle Solution

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## East San Gabriel Valley CROP Walk

**GLENDORA** - East San Gabriel Valley CROP Hunger Walk will be held virtually this year. You can walk 3.1 miles any time between Monday, March 8, 2021 and Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. To observe Health Department guidelines, please walk in family units, wearing a face covering and observing social distancing. You can walk the traditional CROP Walk route, or any 5k distance of your choosing.

Looking to make a difference in these trying times, the East San Gabriel Valley CROP Hunger Walk has set a goal of 175 Walkers and hopes to raise \$12,000 to help stop hunger and poverty here in our community and around the world, through self-help initiatives. A portion of the funds raised here in Glendora

will go to the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless (provides services for the homeless in our area in addition to operating the cold weather shelter), St. Vincent de Paul (which provides a number of resources out of St Dorothy Church in Glendora for anyone in need), Shepherd's Pantry (a wide array of services for Glendora & surrounding cities), and ACTION Food Pantry in Covina.

Over the course of the last 22 years, ESGV walkers have raised more than \$200,000 in their locally organized CROP Hunger Walk.

For more information about the East San Gabriel Valley CROP Hunger Walk, contact Rev. Dr. Hillary Chrisley (626)

335-4058 or Rev. Karen Davis at (626)335-2240.

## Free Tax Services for Seniors 60+

**BALDWIN PARK** - Free tax services will be offered to Baldwin Park residents who are 60 years and older. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be providing tax services free of charge, by appointment only, at the Julia McNeill Senior Center, beginning February 25. To schedule an appointment please call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323, this service is currently only available to Baldwin Park residents.

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# Domestic Dispute Shooting Leaves Female Victim In Critical Condition

**BALDWIN PARK** - On Monday, March 8, 2021, at approximately 12:09 A.M., during a possible domestic dispute, a female adult driver was intentionally rammed several times by another vehicle that was occupied by her boyfriend. Upon her vehicle becoming disabled, the male, later identified as Jesus Antonio Saul (26 years old, from Norwalk) exited his vehicle and shot the female victim several times. Saul was taken into custody at the scene, along with a handgun believed to be used in the shooting.

The female victim sustained multiple gunshot wounds and is currently in critical but stable condition at an undisclosed hospital. Saul was booked at the Baldwin Park Police Department for attempted murder.

If you have any information that may assist in the investigation, please contact Detective A. Villalobos at the Baldwin Park

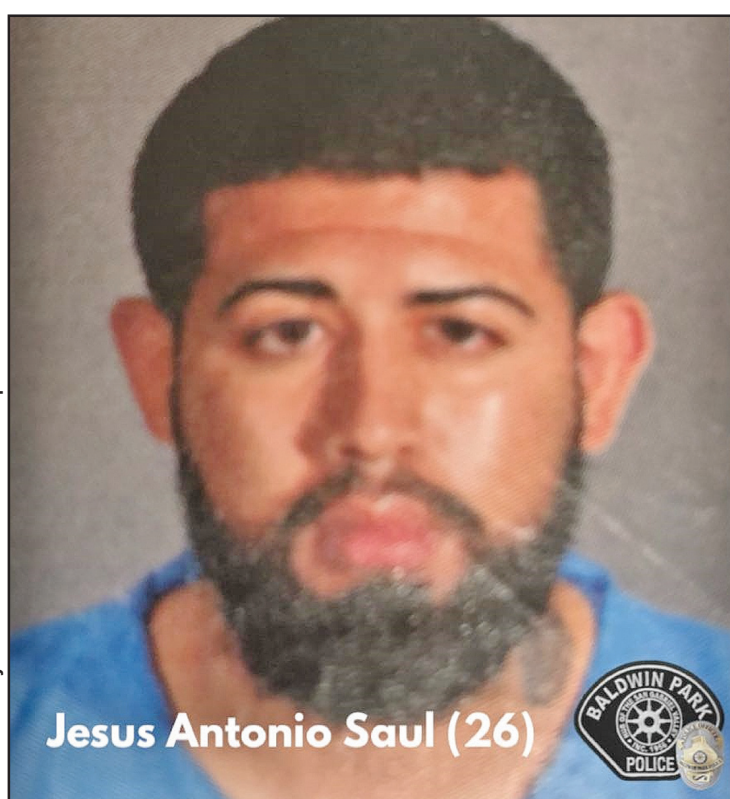


Photo courtesy of the Baldwin Park Police Dept. Jesus Antonio Saul (26) Police Department at (626) 960-1955 Ext. 418 or Detective Sergeant S. Blackburn at (626) 960-1955 Ext. 438.

# Traffic Stop Results In Narcotic Related Charges, Possession Of Burglary Tools And Felon In Possession Of Ammunition



**IRWINDALE** - An early morning traffic stop on Sunday, March 7 resulted in the driver being arrested for drugs, ammo and burglary tools. Jose A. Zavala, a 33 year-old resident of Baldwin Park, was stopped by one of Irwindales patrol officers for a minor traffic offense. Dur-

ing the course of the investigation, the officer found Zavala was in possession of 9 grams of Methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, ammunition and tools commonly used to steal catalytic converters (saws, drills, jacks). Zavala was arrested and

booked for various narcotic related charges, as well as possession of burglary tools and being a felon in possession of ammunition.

He was later released from jail with citation to appear in court at a later date.

# Two Men and a Woman Arrested for Kidnapping and Attempted Murder

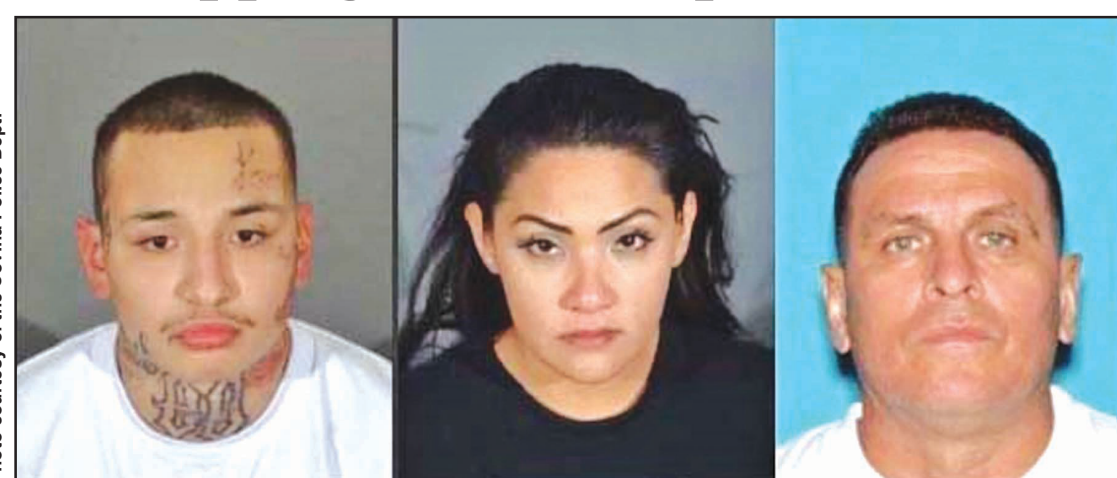


Photo courtesy of the Covina Police Dept. **Sammy Wilson** By George Ogden

**COVINA** - The Covina Police Department released information that on Thursday morning, March 4, at approximately 3 AM, they served a search warrant utilizing their Special Response Team and other personnel in the 100 block of N. Vecino Drive in Covina.

The search warrant involved an ongoing kidnapping and shooting investigation originating from an incident that began in Covina on or about February 20. The purpose of serving the warrant was to arrest involved persons, locate evidence and develop further investigative leads pertinent to the investigation.

Azusa Police also assisted in the case by serving an additional search warrant associated to this investigation in the 500 block of North San Gabriel in Azusa.

Sammy Wilson, age 20, male Hispanic, of Baldwin Park, had been arrested thus far and the Detective Bureau personnel were also attempting to locate additional suspects involved in the crimes and later they developed information that led to two more people being arrested.

The kidnapping and attempt murder occurred on Feb. 19. Covina PD actively worked the investigation with Monrovia PD and Baldwin Park PD which led

**Kristine Mina**

to the identification of three suspects involved in the case. On March 2, CPD personnel arrested Wilson. On March 4, the CPD served a search warrant at the N. Vecino address in Covina and Azusa PD served a search warrant for CPD at the N. San Gabriel address in Azusa at the same time as part of this investigation.

The events that took place was a kidnapping in Covina the night of Feb. 19, of a woman near her home. She was taken to Baldwin Park where the shooting took place. She was then taken to Monrovia and either escaped or was dropped off near the 700 block of West Huntington Drive. She called police around 12:45 a.m., Feb. 20, and when the police found her, she stated that she had been shot several times. The woman was found to have been shot twice and paramedics were called and treated the woman. She was not cooperative with the police at all at that time. She was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Detectives were finally able to get information that she was kidnapped in Covina, taken to Baldwin Park and shot and then to Monrovia where police found her.

On March 5, CPD were able to get more information on the

**Dominic Garcia**

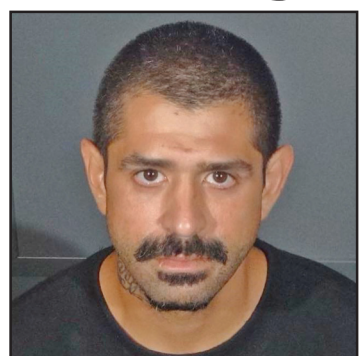
two remaining suspects. They believed they were at a residence in the 6200 block of La Mirada in Los Angeles.

Surveillance was set up of the location by CPD. Detectives observed Kristine Mina, 33, female Hispanic, of Covina during the surveillance and she was taken into custody. CPD personnel contained the residence and requested the assistance of LAPD-Hollywood Division SWAT to assist believing the third suspect was inside the residence. During the SWAT operation, CPD called for the third suspect Dominic Garcia, 49, male Hispanic, of Montclair to surrender. Dominic Garcia exited the residence and was taken into custody. The search warrant at this residence was safely executed.

Sammy Wilson, 20, will be arraigned April 20 at Pomona Superior Court on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping, street terrorism and assault with a firearm, according to a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The other two suspects will also have similar charges filed. Bail for all three subjects was set at \$2,000,000.00 each.

If you have information related to this investigation, please contact Detective Preciado at (626)384-5622.

# Parole Arrested For Possession Of Burglary Tools



**Christopher Rangel**

**GLENDORA** - On Wednesday, March 3 at approximately 1:00AM, Glendora Officers made a proactive traffic stop on a bicyclist for a traffic violation in the area of Route 66 and Grand Ave.

During the investigation a quantity of methamphetamine and several burglary tools were located on the subject including: a vehicle air wedge pump, several lock picks and numerous differ-



**Burglary tools including a vehicle air wedge pump, several lock picks and numerous different car keys.**

ent car keys. An air wedge is commonly used by car burglars to pry open vehicle doors.

Christopher Rangel, male. 36

years of age, on parole out of Azusa, was arrested for being in possession of burglary tools and methamphetamine.

# Catalytic Converter Theft Suspect Arrest

By George Ogden

**COVINA** - The Covina Police Department has reported that Catalytic converter theft has been a growing crime trend in our region and their officers remain committed to reducing these crimes through proactive policing.

On Wednesday, March 3, one of their officers observed a vehicle parked at a local hotel which had been identified as a suspect vehicle in a recent catalytic converter theft. Surveillance was conducted on the vehicle and a male subject, later identified as Anthony Cahill of Pomona, walked out to the vehicle and unlocked the driver's door. Officers moved in and contacted Cahill, who was a named suspect in another catalytic converter theft case being investigated by Covina PD detectives.

Officers determined that Cahill was on probation, was additionally wanted by Glendora PD for grand theft of a catalytic converter, and had a felony No Bail warrant from La Verne PD for burglary. A search of Cahill's vehicle yielded numerous burglary tools and evidence indicative of catalytic converter theft.



**Anthony Cahill**

# Glendora Police Dept's Catalytic Converter Engraver Loan Program

**GLENDORA** - Catalytic converter thefts have increased throughout the City of Glendora. Thieves are stealing them and cashing in on the scrap metal money due to the precious metals inside.

The Glendora Police Department wants to help and they are offering an engraver loaning program. The program is free of charge to Glendora residents.

By etching your license plate number or V.I.N. on your catalytic converter, it can help Law enforcement identify stolen property and return it when located.

You can pick up an engraving tool from the Glendora Police Department Monday-Friday between 8am and 5pm.



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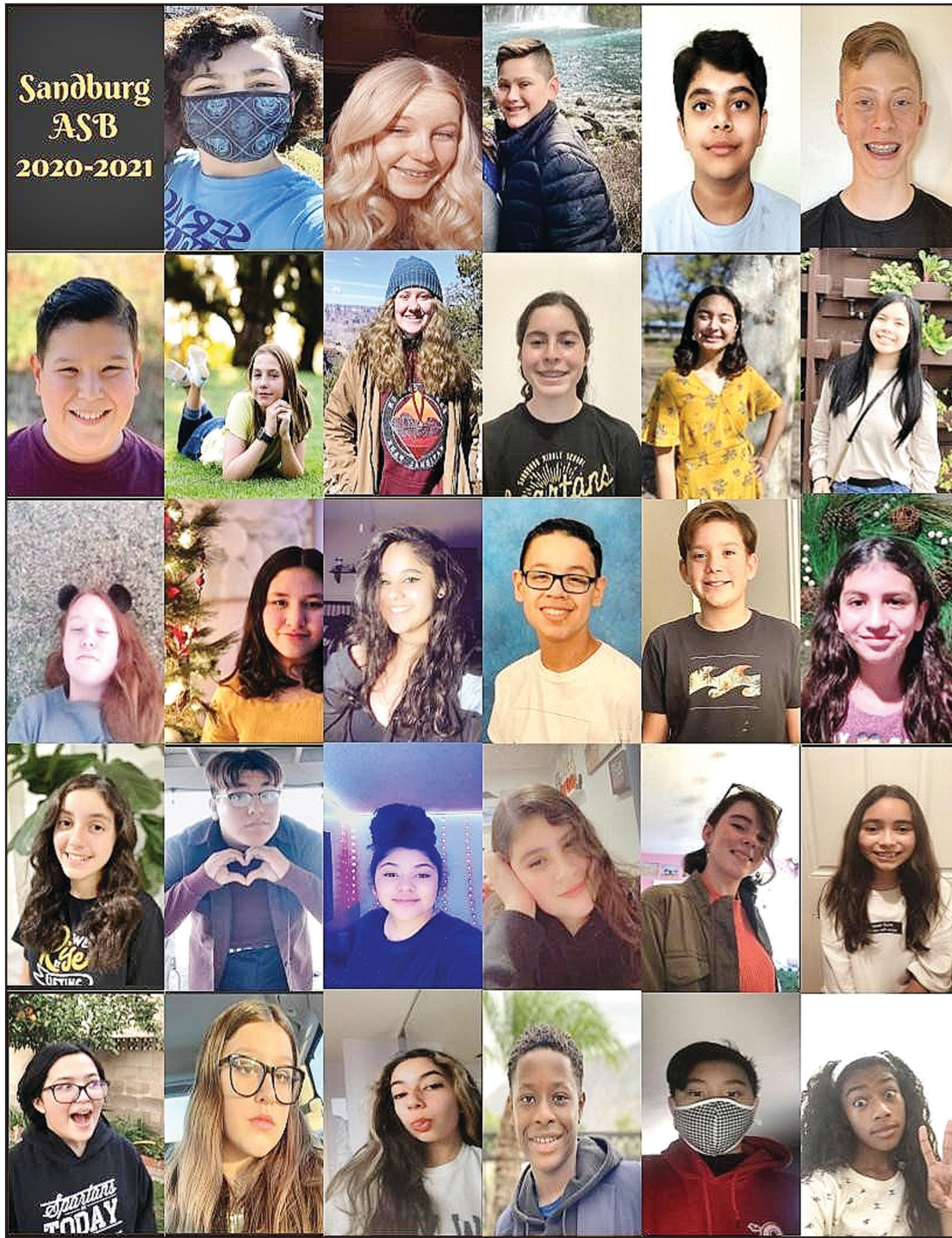
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# Glendora Community Coordinating Council's March 2021 Youth Recognition Award Recipients

**GLENDORA** - During these difficult pandemic circumstances Sandburg Middle School ASB has continued to safely come together as a team in service to their school community. Their primary goal is to engage with the entire school, students and staff, by providing opportunities for connections. This school year they've planned numerous Among Us nights where students and staff play the highly popular video game, Among Us, together. They organized several spirit weeks which provided students the opportunity to interact with one another and have fun through daily games and activities. Sandburg continued their 20 year tradition of raising funds for City of Hope's pediatric patients. This year they raised \$1,500.00 in gift cards for their Christmas 4 Kids program.

The ASB students are currently planning Spread the Love, a campaign raising awareness of and funds to support Godfred's Foundation, a nonprofit whose mission is to support the education of children in rural Ghana by building and operating schools that embrace innovative teaching methods while maintaining local traditions. In the spring ASB plans to shift their focus to our four-legged family members with an event to benefit animals in need. These students have a heart for positively impacting diverse groups. Their tenacity, drive and selfless desire to support their school commu-

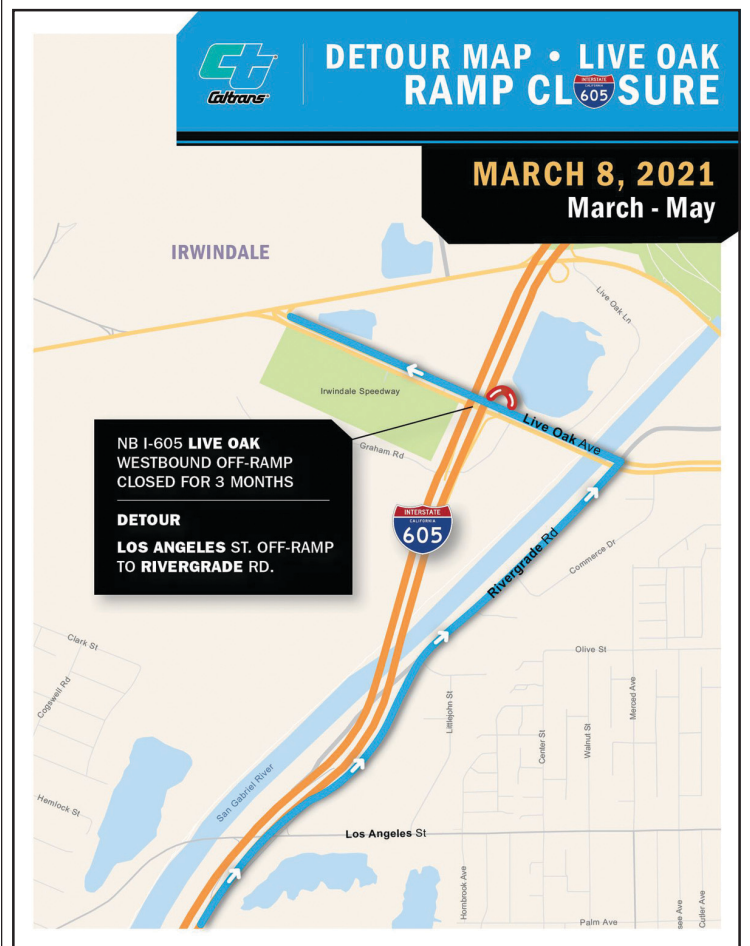


nity and beyond shines bright. The Glendora Community Coordinating Council is very proud and honored to recognize Sandburg Middle School ASB

with March's Youth Recognition Award. The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month.

If you have a nominee please visit our website at [www.glendoraordinating-council.org](http://www.glendoraordinating-council.org) for a form and contact information.

# Live Oak Avenue Off Ramp to Close for 3 Months



Caltrans detour route map

**IRWINDALE** - West Bound Live Oak Avenue Off Ramp from the NB 605 Freeway to Close for 3 Months. Caltrans crews will be closing the northbound I-605 (Foothill) Freeway off-ramp to westbound Live Oak Avenue in the city of Irwindale for three (3) months beginning March 8, 2021. This closure is due to

ramp widening work and sidewalk/signal improvements. The eastbound off ramp to Live Oak Avenue will not be impacted by this project.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Caltrans District 7 at (213) 897-3656 or by email at [D7inquiries@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D7inquiries@dot.ca.gov).

# El Monte Union High School Students Qualify for State at 2021 Business Conference

**EL MONTE** - Students from South El Monte and El Monte high schools won a total of 24 awards during the 2021 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Virtual Inland Section Leadership Conference, securing a chance to compete in the state contest in April.

South El Monte High School students earned 15 awards in categories including business communication, entrepreneurship, accounting, marketing and public speaking. El Monte High School students earned nine awards in similar categories, including management decision making and international business.

FBLA Advisor and EMHS business teacher Richard Douge said that despite being virtual, students in FBLA and involved in their Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways rose to the challenge, earning their school ninth place out of the 10 high schools competing.

"The biggest benefit of a competition like this is that our students get to experience what it takes to be successful in business, they learn valuable leadership skills and how to carry themselves in a professional working environment," Douge said. "I am beyond proud of them and their accomplishments."

El Monte High senior and FBLA President Linh Tran is one of 13 students who will be advancing to the FBLA state competition in April.

"As FBLA president, I've had the chance to grow out of my comfort zone and develop my professional communication skills," Tran said. "Before, I used to be very scared and nervous whenever I had to speak in front of groups of people but being president has



El Monte High School students compete in the 2020 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Inland Section Leadership Conference.

helped me to overcome these fears."

Tran said she is excited and nervous for the state competition in April but is looking forward to the challenge.

"Qualifying for the state competition is a huge accomplishment, as it took hours of hard work and time dedicated to studying," Tran said. "I'm really proud of my teammates for trying their best and advancing to state."

South El Monte High School Principal Dr. Jorge Morales expressed how proud he is of SEMHS students who competed in the FBLA Conference and of those students who are moving on to the state competition.

"Our mission at SEMHS is to prepare students for college and career, and it is because of the collaboration of our teachers and students through distance learning that we are able to continue fostering an environment conducive to that purpose," Morales said.

FBLA Advisor and SEMHS



South El Monte High School students compete in the 2020 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Inland Section Leadership Conference.

business teacher Tam Ly-Wong said that collaborating virtually has been challenging, but that the students' individual and group perseverance paid off in a big way.

"We appreciate our students'

tenacity to move forward despite the pandemic," Ly-Wong said. "It is wonderful to see what they have accomplished, and we are hoping to be able to pass out the awards to them once the plaques arrive."



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